Colloquium on Immigration

The stakes for immigration reform are higher than ever in the United States and Europe. This colloquium seeks to address the most crucial issues raised by contemporary immigration on both sides of the Atlantic. Does immigration contribute to economic growth? To what extent does the current economic crisis affect immigration? Does immigration threaten national identity? What does it take for an immigrant to become a national?

Well known experts will present and analyze various aspects, such as the new geography of U.S. and European integration; the impact of immigration on the restructuring Western economy; the effect of immigration on unemployment, health care, urbanization, citizenship, and national identity; and the evolution of immigration policies on both sides of the Atlantic.

► Tuesday, January 26 (12:00 to 2:00 PM): Chancellor Steven J. Diner

“Contemporary Immigration in Historical Perspective”

Steven J. Diner has headed Rutgers University-Newark as Chancellor since July 2002. Prior to assuming his current position, Dr. Diner served as Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Science at Rutgers-Newark. He is also a Professor of History, with a lifelong research interest looking into cities, universities, and the connections between them, both past and present. Dr. Diner holds his PhD in History from the University of Chicago, and specializes in U.S. urban history, immigration and ethnic history, and the history of American higher education. He began his teaching career at the University of the District of Columbia, where he taught in and chaired the Department of Urban Studies and was the founding director of the Center for Applied Research and Urban Policy. In 1985, he went to George Mason University, where he served as Vice Provost for Academic Programs, Associate Senior Vice President, and established the Krasnow Institute for Advanced Study, which undertakes interdisciplinary research in cognitive science. He was also an American Council on Education Fellow in Academic Administration in 1983/84.
He has also served on the boards of the Regional Business Partnership, University Heights Science Park, Citizens for Better Schools, and the Newark Historical Society. Dr. Diner’s publications include *A City and Its Universities* (1980), *Housing Washington’s People* (1984), and *A Very Different Age: Americans of the Progressive Era* (1998), as well as numerous articles and essays on the history of American higher education, urban history, and the history of public policy.

**Wednesday, February 24 (12:00 to 2:00 PM): Guido Tintori (University of Bath)**

“*Italy’s Diaspora Politics: When States are a Challenge to the Nation-State*”

**Guido Tintori** is a Visiting Research Fellow at the Department of European Studies, University of Bath, member of the research team of Italian Studies at Oxford, and former consultant to the Government of Italy on citizenship policy. In the first part of his academic career, his work focused mainly on Italy-U.S. and Germany-U.S. relations between WWI and WWII, and on the social/political integration of migrants in the United States. In the last years, his research interests have progressively shifted to citizenship studies and to the comparative study of integration policies of migrants in Europe and the United States. In 2006-2007, he was a consultant to the Office for the Social Cohesion of the Presidency of the Italian Republic on matters of citizenship policy. Since 2003, he has served as a member of the Network of Excellence IMISCOE (International Migration, Integration and Social Cohesion in Europe), funded by the European Commission. IMISCOE has brought together a network of more than 500 researchers in 23 institutions covering 14 countries working on migration and integration across the EU.

**Wednesday, March 3 (12:00 to 2:00 PM): Martin Schain (New York University)**

“*The Politics of Immigration in France, Great Britain, and the United States*”

**Martin A. Schain** received his doctorate from Cornell University in Government and is currently Professor of Politics at New York University, Faculty Fellow at the Remarque Institute, and co-director of the European Union Center of New York. He is the former director of the NYU Center for European Studies. His research interests include Comparative politics; American politics; European politics; center-periphery relations; trade unions and politics; and immigration and party politics in France. He has written numerous articles detailing the state of immigration politics in Europe, particularly France. Recent work has included: *Shadows Over Europe* (Palgrave, 2002) (with Patrick Hossay and Aristide Zolberg), and *Europe Without Borders* (Johns

**Wednesday, March 31 (12:00 to 2:00 PM): George J. Borjas (Harvard University)**

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**“The Economic Impact of Migration”**

George J. Borjas is the Robert W. Scrivner Professor of Economics and Social Policy at Harvard University’s John F. Kennedy School of Government. He received his Ph.D. in economics from Columbia University. His teaching and research interests focus on the impact of government regulations on labor markets, with an emphasis on the economic impact of immigration. He is the author of *Wage Policy in the Federal Bureaucracy; Friends or Strangers: The Impact of Immigrants on the U.S. Economy; Heavens Door: Immigration Policy and the American Economy*; and the textbook *Labor Economics*. He also edited *Immigration and the Work Force; Issues in the Economics of Immigration*; and *Poverty, International Migration and Asylum*. Prior to coming to the Kennedy School, Borjas was a Professor of Economics at the University of California, San Diego. He has been a consultant to various government agencies.

**Wednesday, April (TBD): Jocelyne Cesari (Harvard University)**

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**“Muslims in the U.S. and Europe”**

Jocelyne Cesari is an Associate at the Center for Middle Eastern Studies and Center for European Studies at Harvard University, where she teaches at the Divinity School and in the Government Department. Dr. Cesari is a political scientist, specializing in the Middle East and Islamic studies. Before going to Harvard, she served as an Associate Research Scholar and Visiting Professor at Columbia University’s School of International and Public Affairs. At Harvard, she is Director of the interfaculty Islam in the West Program. This research program produced a major publication, the *Encyclopedia of Islam in the United States*, which was published in September of 2007. Her most recent books are *When Islam and Democracy Meet: Muslims in Europe and in the United States* (2006) and *European Muslims and the Secular State* (2005). Forthcoming: *Muslims in the West After 9/11: Religion, Law and Politics*. 

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